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SMOKE SIGNALS

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GEN. QUALS

- Brake Rider for everyone in the command
- PC for all E-5 and below

IN SHOP QUALS

- Rating quals
- MK-1 CDI (float coat)
- Rate CDI / CDQAR
- Line CDI (310)

FOD walkdown....

Man o'man! I cannot believe that FOD walkdowns have come down to this. The CO and XO of the ship have to actually come on the intercom and tell everyone to get to FOD walkdown.

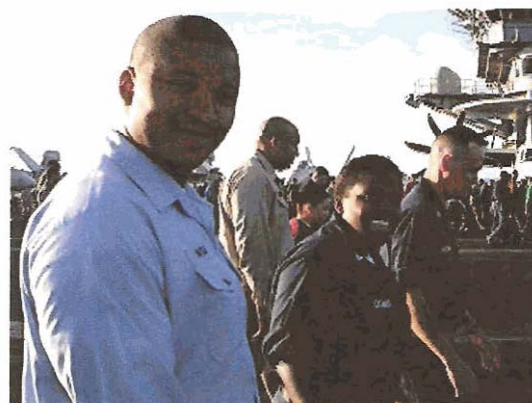
You know, I think every workcenter CSEC has this question, does the supervisor/LPO ensure that all personnel participate in FOD walkdown? I think about the only people I have ever seen get everyone out of their shops to participate in FOD walkdown is Senior Sanders and AM1 Abrams.

You know, when the CO has to tell you to do something, almost as a direct order, that's when you know you are "F-ing" it up.

Don't look at it as a task, look at it as a chance to get out from inside the skin of the ship and take in some fresh air and go for a walk.

Check out the beautiful scenic route we are taking to our final destination. Join the party, join the fun and see you at FOD walkdown.

If Admin can come out of their teepee, so can you. Just look at YN2 Butler's smile, he is loving it! So is YN1 Quimby! See ya there!



Yn2 Butler, yn1 quimby and ync woodrum join the crowd

Safety Anyone....

You know, there is this guy in the squadron that wishes to remain behind the scenes (hand). For the fun of it, let's just call him Chief Scutt.

Every couple of days, he throws in a safety message. Last week, it was, "Don't run with scissors". A few days ago, he threw in "Don't cook bacon without a shirt on". Just a day or so ago, it was, "don't fall in the water until at least one hour after eating". Think about it, pretty deep for a guy who doesn't say much huh? BE SAFE! We are running out of safety reports!



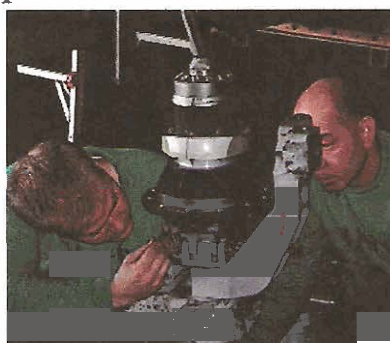
Break time!

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BOAT	LATE	COLLECTIVE
FLY	INNER	LAND
REAR	ICS	FAN
ECS	TIRE	MAINTENANCE
MOUNT	ANTENNA	MEDAL
BLADE	SONO	RECEPTICLE
FLOATCOAT	FIRE	DAILY
TANK	TILT	ELT

Can you believe it, we been underway less than a month and we been through 2 "D" phases. Everybody is kicking some serious booty and the aircrafts are looking great. Maintenance, CP and paint....wow!

What have we learned so far in this 2 phases? First, that more people are cross training which is awesome. 2nd, that we need to remember that only phase coordinators should be writing the MAFs.



AD2 Truax & AD1 Davis snap together one of four spindles

Only fixed phase MAFs should be written during a phase period. 3rd, that we need to keep doors and windows closed when no one is working on the helo. Our last lesson is that keeping our work areas clean and organized keeps the chiefs off our backs. :o)

INDIANS, YOU ROCK!!! Wow, I know I have said it a bunch, but you ALL are doing a fantastic job. I don't think I can say enough of how proud I am of your work ethic, teamwork, and desire to do well. I'll keep making my rounds, but if I miss seeing you, know that I am sincere with my thanks above.

Thanks to QA for making this weekly bulletin. Smoke Signals is a great way to emphasize issues of concern to all Indians, so we keep each other safe in such a hazardous work environment. DRINK as much liquid as you can. Ensure you have camelbacks to fill with water to keep you hydrated. I can't emphasize enough the importance of drinking that wonderful drink called H₂O!!! It may be warm now, but it will be HOT soon. Water is your friend...get as much of it as you can! Line Division (especially the new Line

CAPTAIN'S CHANT

Rats!) and troubleshooters...you guys/gals are kicking butt up there on the flight deck...clean aircraft, great turnarounds/dailys, sharp LSE's, systems which work 4.0, trouble shooters making great calls, etc, etc. You all are setting a great example. Take care of yourselves; I don't want any of you affected by heat stress. I've got my eye on you all; as well as the rest of the Indian tribe. Also, we need to keep the press on for FOD walkdowns. Engine replacements are not fun jobs for any command. We can be a strong part of the CVW-11 team by giving

in all FOD walk-downs. If we keep our AOR and the flight deck clear of FOD, we will significantly contribute to maximizing Airwing operational readiness!

Can't think of any other squadron I want to be a part of....You ROCK! Thanks for doing what you do, and for doing it so well!!! See you on the deck plates, Shipmates!

"On the strength of one link in the cable, dependeth the might of the chain. Who knows when thou mayest be tested, so live that thou bearest the strain!!!"

Inside Story

As your local QA reps here, our job is not only to prevent the occurrence of defects. We are also here to assist you with anything you are having issues with.

We can assist you with everything from maintenance to pro-

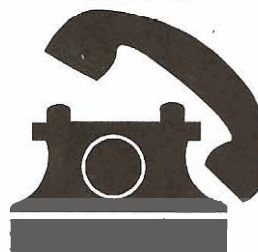
grams. We love programs and if you have a question that stomps us, we will help you do the research in order to find the right answer.

We are also available to assist you with test taking, walk

around and getting your CDI or CDQR paperwork together.

Just give us a call to make an appointment and we will hook you up.

Walk-ins welcomed!
Se Habla Espanol!



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Inside the tee-pee





Aircrew Corner

I'm sure everyone's noticed that the temperatures been getting warm and we're not even in the gulf yet. We need to make sure that we're all keeping hydrated and not waiting till we feel thirsty to start drinking water. For people working on the flight deck, look out for each other. If you see someone who looks like they need a drink (of water), make sure they drink some, hopefully they have their camel-back with them, if not, cover for them while they run off to grab it.

If you are working out, definitely make sure you're hydrated. If you've been to the forward gym, you know that it's HOT in there and you'll lose more water than you think when you are on that treadmill or hitting them weights.

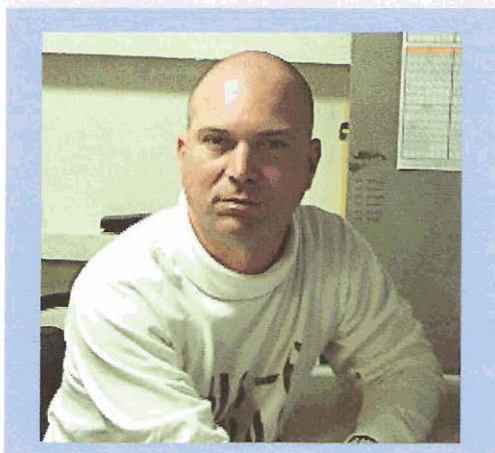
Eat Right: We all know that the food in the galley isn't necessarily the Olive Garden or Claim Jumpers (some people think it's a lot better) but everyone should be getting their breakfast, lunch and dinner! Eating right makes a big difference in your daily performance so get the nutrients you need to keep going!



AW1 Saenz performs his pre-flight on a nice 90 degree day

SENIOR'S POINT

I'm your friend. I'm you buddy.....
OK. Seriously, no I'm not. The Navy is the easiest job you'll ever have. Everything is on schedule and laid out for you. It is so easy to come to work on time, do at the least the minimum of what is expected of you and still get the job done and look like a motivated sailor. The biggest problem we face today is laziness. It seems everyone falls victim to it once in awhile. Our business is a dangerous one, there is no time to let your guard down in any aspect of your duties. The solution is so



Simple, **JUST DO IT.** Your job is what I'm talking about. Don't worry about the lazy bum next to you. Believe me the eval will reflect performance. Strive to do your job the best that you can, then perhaps a little more. Can you imagine a work center 100% qualified and no workload? It's possible. It just requires initiative. By the way, you can approach me about anything, but I'm still not your buddy!!

"The hardest part about being me is the haircut."

Inside P.P.E.

FLOATCOAT - Amazing that such an ugly piece of equipment can actually save your life. Let's ponder on it for a bit.

Okay, it helps you float! But, what else? Well, there is a strobe so you can feel like you are in the club (all by yourself), a whistle to get attention (so your friends can wave good bye to you), a chem. Light for extra attention at night. What else, oh yeah, my favorite, shark bait (so you can catch a shark and eat it if

you are hungry). The ship doesn't have powers steering so it might take a while to come and get you. Add to that the fact that we can't muster for man overboard in a decent amount of time. I don't know about you but, I don't think I can thread water for half an hour or so.

Do a good inspection on your float coat. Knock on wood you won't need it....ever! Proper stencil and markings are also important, and don't forget to check it out in your log.

